

United States Department of Agriculture

Office of the Secretary Washington, D.C. 20250

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The Honorable Dave Heineman Governor State of Nebraska Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4848

Dear Governor Heineman:

Thank you for your January 9, 2006, letter concerning the 2007 Farm Bill. We appreciate your sharing your insights and recommendations with us on this important legislation.

We also appreciate your providing us with comments offered by members of Nebraska's agricultural community in connection with the Nebraska Farm Bill Listening Sessions that you held last fall. Please be assured that all of the ideas and suggestions you have shared will receive full consideration as the Department develops its proposals for the bill.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Mike Johanns Secretary